

PRESS RELEASE

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RE: UNITED STATES v. SHANE LAWLOR

United States Attorney Terrance P. Flynn announced today the arraignment of Shane Lawlor, age 26, an Irish citizen residing in the Bronx, New York, on an Indictment charging him with attempting to enter the United States illegally, in violation of Title 8, United States Code, Section 1326, carrying a maximum penalty of two years imprisonment, a fine of \$250,000.00, or both. It should be noted that the fact that a defendant has been charged with a crime . . . is merely an accusation and the defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty. (**Disciplinary Rule 7-107(B)(6)**).

Assistant U.S. Attorney Gretchen L. Wylegala stated that the Indictment charges the defendant with attempting to enter the United States in June, 2005, having previously been refused entry. Also charged in the Indictment are Peter Hennessey and John McEvoy, who are charged with aiding and abetting his attempted entry. Hennessey and McEvoy are also charged with encouraging Lawlor's illegal entry into the United States. McEvoy has previously appeared on this Indictment; Hennessey remains at large. Lawlor turned himself into the custody of ICE agents in Buffalo this

morning.

The Indictment was the culmination of an investigation on the part of the Department of Homeland Security, Immigration and Customs Enforcement, under the direction of Special Agent in Charge Peter Smith.

The case is being handled by Assistant United States Attorney Gretchen L. Wylegala.